



## THE SANSOM FOUNDATION MUSIC AWARD

### RULES AND REGULATIONS 2024-25

The Sansom Foundation has been in operation since 1958. The Foundation focuses on music and the arts. High school students from Collier County, Bonita Springs and Estero will be eligible to compete for the Sansom Award. The Award will permit the winners to receive private music lessons for one year with a teacher selected by the Music Foundation of Greater Naples. The award may be renewed one year at a time based on the Sansom Committee's assessment of the student's progress and the recommendation of his or her private teacher.

The award is intended for high school students whose families cannot afford private music lessons. However, private lessons in the past will not eliminate the candidate as long as they can attest that they are on the "Free and Reduced Lunch Program" or their family income is less than \$75,000 per year. A copy of the parent's recent tax return will be required. Students must complete the attached application, and have it signed by a parent and music instructor. In addition to the application a personal essay about what "Music means to them and how they expect the Sansom Award will benefit them" must also be submitted. Students' are required to participate in an audition that is scheduled for September 14, 2024. The audition solo should not exceed 4 minutes. No accompaniment is required. You can play/sing a short solo of your choice or a piece of music that you are presently working on in your school music ensemble.

The application, recommendation letter, essay, grades, and copy of parent's most recent tax return are due by September 9, 2024.

The Sansom Committee will select applicants to be interviewed based upon their application, recommendation letter, essay, and their audition. We expect that 4-6 awards per year will be made depending upon the number of highly qualified applicants. Selection of private music instructors will be determined by the Sansom Committee.

Winners of the Sansom Award will be notified no later than September 16, 2024. Lessons will begin late September or early October. Parents must be willing to ensure that if their children are winners, they will be able to transport the student to lessons and provide a quiet time for the student to practice daily. There will be two recitals during the year and the students are required to perform in both.

**Recitals are scheduled for January 5 and June 1, 2025.**

See the next two pages for requirements checklist and application.

### THE 2024-25 SANSOM AWARD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS CHECK LIST



1. Completed Sansom Application \_\_\_\_\_
2. Music Teacher's Letter of Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_
3. Student Personal Essay \_\_\_\_\_
4. Be prepared to perform a short selection, no more than four minutes in length.
5. Applicants must provide one original score and two evaluation copies of their music for the judges on competition day. The evaluation copies will be destroyed by the Music Foundation. No copies will be made at the audition site.
6. Applicants must be properly attired for the audition. Girls should wear knee length or longer dresses/skirts or dress pants. Boys should wear a dress shirt, tie and dress pants and shoes. No jeans, athletic wear, or sandals. School concert music uniform is also acceptable.
7. The completed application form, the music teacher's recommendation which also contains confirmation of participation in the "school free or reduced lunch program" or family income is below \$75,000.00, (tax return required) and the student's essay and grades must be post-marked or emailed on or before **September 9, 2024**. Applicants will be disqualified if the application is incomplete or postmarked after the stated deadline.
8. There will be no registration fee for this award competition.
9. The Sansom Auditions will be **held Saturday, September 14, 2024, at Gulf Coast High School, Naples, FL 34119 from 10:00am-12:00pm.**  
All selected applicants will be notified by email of their specific audition time, no later than **September 11, 2024**. Please call 239-450-4035 if you do not receive the notification. The winners will be notified by email no later than **Friday, September 16**.  
The decision of the judges is final. Private lessons for the winners will start in September or October 2024.

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of Greater Naples\***  
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**Mail, email or submit on-line this application, recommendation letter, and essay to:**

Cathy Pflieger, Haegg/Sansom Committee Chairman  
Music Foundation of Greater Naples  
3722 Pino Vista Way, Unit 2  
Estero, FL 33928  
239-450-4035  
[fleafam88@gmail.com](mailto:fleafam88@gmail.com) or submit on-line at [www.MusicFoundationNaples.org](http://www.MusicFoundationNaples.org) by  
September 9, 2024.

# MUSIC FOUNDATION OF GREATER NAPLES

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT'S EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

INSTRUMENT \_\_\_\_\_

MUSIC TEACHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU EVER STUDIED MUSIC WITH A PRIVATE TEACHER? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF YES—Please describe \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE SCHOOL FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
or

IS YOUR FAMILY INCOME BELOW \$75,000.00? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Copy of recent tax return is required)

SELECTION TO BE PERFORMED AT THE AUDITION  
COMPOSITION \_\_\_\_\_

COMPOSER \_\_\_\_\_

1. This Award requires a letter of recommendation from your school music teacher explaining the student's need, aptitude, and motivation.
2. On a separate sheet of paper, the student will write a short essay about "Why is having music in my life important, and how will this award be beneficial to me". **These two documents must accompany this application along with your grades and parent's tax return.**

I have read all the application material. I agree to abide by the rules and understand the purpose of the music award.

STUDENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

I approve of the use of this student's name, school, teacher, award amount and photo. \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

MAIL OR EMAIL, OR SUBMIT ONLINE APPLICATION, RECOMMENDATION LETTER, ESSAY, GRADES AND TAX RETURN TO:

Cathy Pflieger, Committee Chairman  
Music Foundation of Greater Naples  
3722 Pino Vista Way Unit 2, Estero, FL 33928  
239-450-4035 or [leafam88@gmail.com](mailto:leafam88@gmail.com) or submit on-line at [www.MusicFoundationNaples.org](http://www.MusicFoundationNaples.org)  
by September 9, 2024.